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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 in the present application, and for printing on the face of any patent issuing hereon, as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

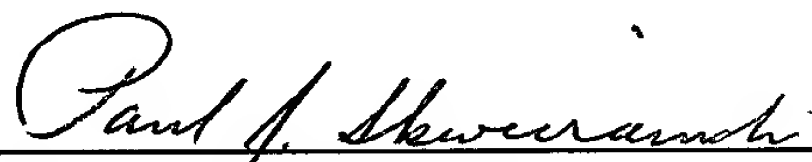
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Three (3) References/English language Abstracts/Translations

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